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SUBJECT: SUGAR: QUOTA STATUS

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL A.
LETTERED AS IN REFTEL:

(A) SUGAR ASSOCIATION REPORT 75,694 SHORT TONS SHIPPED UNDER U.S. QUOTA IN 1974; ADDED TO THIS ARE 6,221 ST SHIPPED IN 1973 BUT NOT ARRIVING UNTIL JAN. 1, 1974; TOTAL 1974 TO DATE 81,915 ST. (ASSOCIATION SAYS GUATEMALAN SUGAR IS USUALLY RATED ABOUT 2 PCT. HIGHER THAN STANDARD, AND THIS WOULD BRING 1974 TOTAL TO ABOUT 83,500 ST.) ONLY RAW SUGAR STILL UNSHIPED IS 1,100 ST, WHICH HAS BEEN SOLD TO U.S. CUSTOMER AND IS AWAITING SHIP AT PORT. TOTAL ABOUT 84,600 ST.

ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN SAYS MILL WILL BEGIN GRINDING NEW HARVEST IN LATTER HALF OF NOVEMBER AND INDUSTRY PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO SHIP ESTIMATED 10-12,000 ST TO U.S. IN DECEMBER. HE EMPHASIZED SUCH SHIPMENT WILL DEPEND UPON EXPORT APPROVAL BY GOG; LAST YEAR, THERE WAS NONOR PANIC AT RETAIL LEVAL AND GOG INSISTED INDUSTRY BUILD AMPLE STOCKS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION PRIOR TO EXPORTING IN LATE 1973.

(B) WITH QUOTA ADDITION OF 19,000 ST ANNOUNCED REFTEL B,
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GUATEMALA'S 1974 QUOTA BECAME 98,652 TONS. WHEN 1973-74'S FINAL

1,100 ST ARE SHIPPED, MAKING YEAR'S EXPORTS ABOUT 84,600 (SEE ABOVE), PLUS "PROBABLY" ANOTHER 12,000 TONS, TOTAL WILL BE 96,000 ST. THIS WOULD BE SHORTFALL OF ABOUT 2,000 ST.

(C) EMBASSY IS URGING SUGAR ASSOCIATION TO REACH QUOTA OF 98,652 ST. IT LOOKS FROM THIS POINT AS IF THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL SUGAR AVAILABLE FOR U.S. MARKET BY DEC. 31.

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